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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, UK, RH  
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: PUBLICATION OF THE BINGHAM REPORT

REF: LONDON 14006

1. EMBASSY OFFICER WAS CALLED TO THE FCO AUGUST 31 BY  
ACTING ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY MARTIN REID TO RECEIVE  
IN ADVANCE A COPY OF A GOVERNMENT STATEMENT TO BE  
RELEASED THIS AFTERNOON. THE STATEMENT ANNOUNCES THE  
INTENTION OF HMG TO PUBLISH THE BINGHAM REPORT AND TO  
TURN THE REPORT OVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS.  
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2. THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT: QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT  
HAVE DECIDED THAT THE REPORT OF MR. T. H. BINGHAM QC AND  
MR. S. M. GRAY FCA ON THE SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM AND  
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO RHODESIA SHOULD BE PUBLISHED IN  
FULL AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE AS SOON AS CONSENTS

TO DISCLOSURE HAVE BEEN OBTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SOUTHERN RHODESIA (UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS) (NO. 2) ORDER 1968. THE GOVERNMENT HAVE ALSO CONCLUDED IN THE LIGHT OF MATERIAL IN CERTAIN OF THE REPORT'S FINDINGS THAT IT SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS TO CONSIDER WHETHER FURTHER ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITH A VIEW TO POSSIBLE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS FOR BREACHES OF THE SANCTIONS ORDERS. END QUOTE

3. REID SAID HE ANTICIPATED THAT MORE THAN A MONTH WILL ELAPSE IN SECURING THE APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES AND IN GOING THROUGH THE NECESSARY MECHANICS FOR PUBLICATION. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE REPORT AS IT NOW STANDS RUNS TO ALMOST 600 PAGES. IT IS THEREFORE UNLIKELY THAT THE TEXT WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE EARLY OCTOBER, ALTHOUGH REID PROMISED TO GIVE US AN ADVANCE COPY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. REID ALSO SAID THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD RECEIVED REQUESTS FROM THE STAFF OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE FOR COPIES OF BINGHAM'S MATERIAL. HE SAID THE REQUESTS WERE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION AND WOULD HAVE TO BE EXAMINED IN LIGHT OF POSSIBLE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN BRITAIN.

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5. ASKED IF AMERICAN COMPANIES FIGURED IN ANY PROMINENT WAY IN THE BINGHAM REPORT, REID READ CAREFULLY FROM HIS INSTRUCTIONS, SAYING THAT BINGHAM'S MANDATE WAS TO INVESTIGATE ONLY THOSE COMPANIES INCORPORATED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND TO CALL WITNESSES ASSOCIATED ONLY WITH THOSE COMPANIES. HE NEVERTHELESS LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT AMERICAN COMPANIES ARE MORE THAN MERELY MENTIONED IN THE REPORT. STREATROR

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